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## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTS KEITH COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, INC.

**Ogallala, Neb., June, 16 2006**—The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development has approved a \$15,000 loan to the Keith County Agricultural Society, Inc. of Ogallala, Neb. Funds will construct a livestock barn addition. In kind contributions of \$1,000 combined with \$500 from the Keith County Ag Society, Inc. will comprise the balance of the project funding needed.

"With the increase of our 4-H swine program and our aging facility we are very thankful to have this program available through USDA Rural Development," stated Timothy Ryan, president of the Keith County Agricultural Society, Inc.

This project is comprised of a 25'x36'x10' livestock barn addition complete with pens and featuring a 15'x 26' concrete wash area.

"USDA Rural Development is committed to the future of rural communities and this is project is one of many ways in which we can assist rural communities with needed projects such as those for the youth," stated Lennis Hodgson, area director for USDA Rural Development.

USDA Rural Development funding provided via its' Community Facility Direct Loan program. For additional information contact Lennis Hodgson, (308) 237-3118, (402) 437-5093 (TDY); lennis.hodgson@ne.usda.gov; 4009 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 1, Kearney, NE 68845. Visit <a href="https://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ne">www.rurdev.usda.gov/ne</a>.

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